

## REMARKS

It is noted that Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 12-17 now pending in this case are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) and/or 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) in view of the cited prior art. However, dependent Claims 4, 5, 7 and 11 now pending in this case are found to define allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All of rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10 and 12-17 have been cancelled.

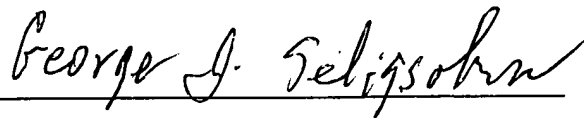
Dependent Claim 4, which has been amended to include all the limitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening dependent Claim 3, is now rewritten in independent form. Amended independent Claim 4, together with Claim 5 dependent thereon, are submitted to be now allowable.

Dependent Claim 7, which has been amended to include all the limitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening dependent Claim 6, is now rewritten in independent form. Amended independent Claim 7 is submitted to be now allowable.

Dependent Claim 11, which has been amended to include all the limitations of independent Claim 9, is now rewritten in independent form. Amended independent Claim 11 is submitted to be now allowable.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

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